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**WASHINGTON, MISSOURI MAN SENTENCED TO 11 YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON
FOR RECEIPT & POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

ST. LOUIS, MO - Stringer, Washington, Missouri was sentenced to over 11 years in prison on federal charges of receiving and possessing child pornography, United States Attorney Catherine L. Hanaway announced today.

"The Court based the sentence, in part, on the fact that Mr. Stringer has engaged in a pattern of conduct involving the sexual abuse or exploitation of children," said Hanaway. "This sentence reflects our commitment to getting sexual predators away from our children."

In August 2005, a Postal Inspector in Philadelphia acting in an undercover capacity signed onto the internet to investigate internet forums that promote the exchange of child pornography. Stringer contacted the undercover agent via email and expressed an interest in obtaining videos containing child pornography. After more emails were exchanged between them, Stringer ordered a video. He paid for it by check and had it shipped to a post office box in Washington, Missouri. Postal Inspectors stopped Stringer as he was leaving the Postal Office with the video. A subsequent search of Stringer's residence revealed additional computer disks containing images of children under the age of eighteen engaged in sexually explicit conduct.

Stringer, 43, East 8th Street, Washington, Missouri, was sentenced to 138 months in prison on one felony count of receipt of child pornography and one felony count of possession of child pornography. He appeared in federal court today before United States District Judge Catherine D. Perry.

This case was prosecuted as part of Project Safe Childhood. In February 2006, Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales created Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the United States Attorneys Offices, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov/

Hanaway commended the work on the case by the United States Postal Inspection Service, the Washington, Missouri Police Department, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and Assistant United States Attorney Reginald Harris, who handled the case for the U.S. Attorney's Office.

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